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Applicant: Takeyoshi IKEURA et al.	Art Unit: 2832
Serial No.: 09/863,078	Examiner: T. Nguyen
Filed: May 22, 2001	
Title: TRANSFORMER	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

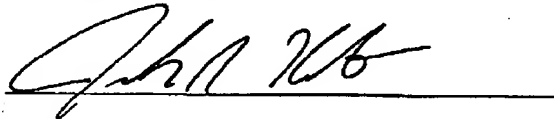
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith is a First Office Action issued in a corresponding Chinese Patent Application. For the Examiner's convenience, we have enclosed an English translation of the Chinese Office Action from the corresponding Chinese Patent Application and a completed Form PTO-1449. Applicants did not submit herewith a copy of the U.S. reference as this is no longer required. The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

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Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed references be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)				Application Number	09/863,078
				Filing Date	May 22, 2001
				First Named Inventor	Takeyoshi Ikeura
				Art Unit	2832
				Examiner Name	T. Nguyen
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Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
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**THE PATENT OFFICE OF THE STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

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Shanghai Patent & Trademark Law OfficeDate of Dispatch
July 9, 2004

Application No.: 01120708.6	Applicant: MURATA MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.
Application Date: May 15, 2001	Agent:
Title: TRANSFORMER	

NOTICE ON OFFICE ACTION

1. ☒ According to the Request for Substantive Examination raised by the applicant and based on the provision of Item 1, Article 35 of the Patent Law, the Examiner has proceeded with the Examination as to Substance on the above mentioned application for patent for invention.
☐ According to Item 2, Article 35 of the Chinese Patent Law, the Patent Office has decided to examine the above application for patent for invention.
2. ☒ The applicant has requested that the filing date of
May 22, 2000 at the JP Patent Office as the priority date,
_____ at the _____ Patent Office as the priority date,
_____ at the _____ Patent Office as the priority date,
_____ at the _____ Patent Office as the priority date,
☒ The applicant has already submitted the copy of the first filed prior application document certified by the receiving office of the country where the application was originally filed.
☐ The applicant has not submitted the copy of the first filed prior application document certified by the receiving office of the country where the application was originally filed. It is deemed not having claimed priority according to the provision stipulated in Article 30 of the Patent Law.
☐ This application is a PCT application.
3. ☐ The applicant submitted on _____ and _____ the amendment documents.
On examination, among them,
the _____ submitted on _____ can not be accepted.
the _____ submitted on _____ can not be accepted.
Because the above amendment
☐ does not conform with the provisions of Article 33 of the Chinese Patent Law,
☐ does not conform with the provisions of Rule 51 of the Implementing Regulations of the Chinese Patent Law,
Refer to the text of the Notice for the specific reasons why the amendment cannot be accepted

4. ☐ The examination has been proceeded on the original application documents.

☒ The examination is directed at the following application documents:

Claim 1-20, page 1-4 of the specification, page _____ of the drawing of the original application documents submitted on the date of filing.

Claim _____, page _____ of the specification, page 1-3 of the drawing submitted on Aug 1, 2001.

Claim _____, page _____ of the specification, page _____ of the drawing submitted on _____.

Claim _____, page _____ of the specification, page _____ of the drawing submitted on _____.

Abstract of the specification submitted on the filing date, the drawing of the Abstract submitted on Aug 1, 2001.

5. ☐ This Notice is made under the condition of no search having been conducted.

☒ This Notice is made under the condition of search having been conducted.

☒ This Notice has cited the below comparison documents (the number of which shall continue to be used in the subsequent examination procedures):

No.	Title of Document	Date of Publication (or the filing date of the conflicting Application)
1	US5673013A	Sep 30, 1997
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6. The conclusive opinion drawn from the examination:

☒ As regards the Specification:

☐ The contents of the application fall under the scope stipulated by Article 5 of the Patent Law for which no patent right shall be granted.

☐ The specification does not conform with the provision of Item 3, Article 26 of the Patent Law.

☒ The drafting of the specification does not conform with the provision of Rule 18, 19 of the Implementing Regulations.

☒ As regards the Claims:

☒ Claim 1, 11 does not possess the novelty as stipulated in Item 2, Article 22 of the Patent Law.

☒ Claim 3-10, 13-20 does not possess the inventiveness as stipulated in Item 3, Article 22 of the Patent Law.

☐ Claim _____ does not possess the practical applicability as stipulated in Item 4, Article 22 of the Patent Law.

☐ Claim _____ falls under the scope of Article 25 of the Patent Law where no patent right is to be granted.

☒ Claim 5, 7, 15, 17 does not conform with the provision of Item 4, Article 26 of the Patent Law.

☐ Claim _____ does not conform with the provision of Item 1, Article 31 of the Patent Law.

☐ Claim _____ does not conform with the definition of invention as stipulated in Item 1, Article 2 of the Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law.

☐ Claim _____ does not conform with the provision of Item 1, Rule 13 of the Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law.

☒ Claim 11, 16, 18 does not conform with the provisions of Rules 20 of the Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law.

☒ Claim 1, 11 does not conform with the provisions of Rules 22 of the Implementing Regulations of

the Patent Law.

Refer to the text of this Notice for the specific analyses of the conclusive opinion.

7. Based on the above conclusive opinion, the Examiner deems that:

- ☐ The applicant shall amend the application documents in accordance with the requirements raised in the text of the Notice.
- ☒ The applicant shall discuss in his observations reasons why this application for patent can be granted a patent right, and amend the portions indicated in the text of the Notice which have been deemed as not conforming with the provisions, or no patent right shall be granted.
- ☐ There are no substantive contents in the application for patent that can be granted a patent right. If the applicant does not present reasons or the reasons presented are not sufficient, the application shall be rejected.

8. The applicant is asked to note the following items:

- (1) According to the provision of Article 37 of the Patent Law, the applicant shall submit his observations within four months from the receipt of this Notice. Where, without justified reasons, the applicant does not respond at the expiration of said date, the application shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.
- (2) The applicant shall amend his application according to Article 33 of the Patent Law. The amended documents shall be in duplicate, and the form, in conformity with the relevant provisions in the Examination Guide.
- (3) The applicant and/or his agent can not, without first making an appointment, go to the Patent Office to have an interview with the Examiner.
- (4) The observations and/or the amended documents shall be mailed or delivered to Department of Receipt, the Patent Office of the State Intellectual Property Office. No documents shall possess legal effects if not mailed or delivered to Department of Receipt.

9. The text portion of this Notice totals 2 page(s), and includes the following attachment(s):

- ☒ duplicate copy(ies) of cited comparison document(s), altogether 1 copy(ies) 8 pages.
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Examination Department: _____ Examiner(Seal): _____

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